IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Yasuo Koishihara

Title: INHIBITOR OF LYMPHOCYTE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicant respectfully request that the following amendment be entered into the application:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, between lines 2 and 3, insert --This application is a continuation of 09/367,833 filed August 25, 1999 which is a national stage of PCT/JP98/00831 filed February 27, 1998--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 4, line 2, delete "any of claims 1 to 3" and insert --claim 1--.

Claim 6, line 2, delete "or 5".

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendments prior to examination is respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments to Claims 4 and 6 be entered in order to avoid this application incurring a surcharge for the presence of one or more multiple dependent claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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